

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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MULTIPLE DISKS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Amendments to the Title

Please replace the title on pages 1 and 14 with the following new title:

Distribution of I/O Requests Across Multiple Disk Units